



Judges are responsible for leading the portfolio discussion. Tips and sample interview questions can help facilitate this process.

**First, a few tips –**

1. Please introduce yourself and help them feel at ease. One way is to commend them for making it to this level.
2. It is important to study portfolios prior to the competition and have questions prepared related to what you read.
3. Questions should only be based on the information provided in the written portfolio. It is a good idea to prepare 5 questions – 1 from each category to clarify information from their portfolio.
4. Remember that we are limited to 14 minutes total for each youngster. Some 4-H'ers give brief answers and some are more talkative. You will be judging with another judge. If both of you are well prepared, the session will move along well.
5. Plan to end the questions at approximately 10 minutes and save 3-5 minutes for making final scoring marks or notes before inviting the next 4-H'er to the portfolio discussion.

**Sample Questions:**

1. Tell us more about \_\_\_\_\_. (Where you may ask about a specific detail from their Main Project Work.)
2. What was your role in \_\_\_\_\_? (Insert the specific Sharing and Helping activity from the book)
3. How many people were involved in your leadership project?
4. What were the results from your community service activity?
5. Will you tell us more about \_\_\_\_\_ project? (to determine the level of engagement of a project listed in the portfolio)
6. What was the most difficult challenge you encountered in your project or leadership activities this year?
7. How did you adapt or overcome the challenges?
8. What did you enjoy most in your project work? And why?
9. How did sharing what you know with others help you grow?

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